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FROM: Chief of Base, Frankfurt

DATE: 11 1959

SUBJECT: CART/UPSWING/Operations
Personality Information on @KORTMANN

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REFERENCE(S)

Following is the text of a Liaison Information Report on file in FOB.

1. OPERATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES: Date of Acquisition: 22 June 1959

a. Acquired from alias KORTMANN representing UPSWING.

b. Acquired by [ ] alias [ ] representing KUBARK.

c. Nature of Information: Official; oral statement.

1. CONTENT:

a. @KORTMANN reads the German magazine Der Europaeische Osten every month and found two of the articles in its May edition excellent and reflecting his own ideas. One was entitled "What to do in Berlin" by Edmund von Gordon and stated that the West should take the initiative against the Soviets and start to stir up trouble in the sattelites rather than waiting for the Soviets to pick their shots throughout the world. He also advised world wide trade embargoes to keep the Soviets in line. The second article was the groesste Gefahr der Weltgeschichte by Ernest J. Salter and it stated that Khrushchev manages to stay in power only because he is able to keep the world in a constant state of tension. It suggested that the Berlin issue was important to Khrushchev personally because if he was not victorious or if there was a stand-off he would lose prestige. It was suggested that the West play the Soviet waiting game.

b. @KORTMANN is in charge of a large operational area which includes: BRD, DDR, USSR, Austria and Poland. In other words, whereever Soviets are located in Europe. @KORTMANN has little faith in emigre groups and will have nothing to do with them. He also refuses to handle prostitutes as sources because their sole motivation is money and they are usually unreliable and insecure.

c. @KORTMANN asked whether or not the writer was married. The writer is a bachelor.

d. @KORTMANN admitted having been very friendly with an American Army officer from Heidelberg. The officer was a houseguest of the KORTMANN family for Christmas a year or so ago. @KORTMANN obviously has strong feelings for Americans. He has relatives in Rochester, New York who represent the Wetzlar Optical Factory.

e. @KORTMANN admitted running a joint case with the Americans in Berlin. UPSWING runs the agent but uses a safeapartment with a listening post in the next room so that AIS officers can indirectly participate in the debriefing and interrogation. (Note: @KORTMANN has never stated that he knows [ ] is a member of KUBARK and therefore it is not known with which AIS organization he is doing business in Berlin.)

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